REMARKS

In the Official Action, the Examiner raised objection to the drawings; objected to claim 12 under 35 U.S.C. §112 for alleged lack of antecedent basis in the limitation "said lateral transport mechanism"; and indicated that claim 12 would be allowable if rewritten to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. With regard to the drawing objection, a new Figure 5 is enclosed herewith, wherein grippers 32 are added, as suggested by the Examiner.

With regard to the 35 U.S.C. §112 objection, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw same, as the "lateral transport mechanism" was introduced in original claim 11, from which original claim 12 depended. Claim 12 has been rewritten as claim 32 in the form indicated by the Examiner to be allowable, without any admission against interest, and the claims previously dependent on claim 12 have been amended to depend on claim 32. Claim 32 eliminates the §112 problem.

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this document or the case in general, Applicant respectfully requests him to contact the undersigned attorney at the office number below.

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